
SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Mount Auburn Cemetery.

JANUARY 1, 1898.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES
OF THE
Cemetery of Mount Auburn,
FOR 1897,
TOGETHER WITH
THE REPORTS
OF THE
TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

SIXTY-SIXTH YEAR.

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L. G. FARMER.

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J. C. SCORGIE.

Office of the Corporation.

5 TREMONT STREET,
BOSTON.

Office of the Superintendent.

AT THE CEMETERY.
P. O. ADDRESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees herewith submit to the Proprietors their sixty-sixth annual report, together with the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent.

The business of the year has been good, as shown by increased receipts from sales of lots and other sources. The expenses have only been increased by necessary expenditures for the new buildings.

The Repair Fund, which is a trust, the income of which can only be applied to the care of lots, has increased \$40,473.77 in the past year, and now amounts to \$937,886.85.

The Permanent Fund for the care of the Cemetery after all the lots are sold is \$378,172.48, and shows a gain for the year of \$13,711.25.

The General Fund now stands at \$140,168.96, but is subject to considerable reduction when full payments are made on completed contracts for the new chapel and office buildings.

Progress on these buildings has not been so rapid as was anticipated in our last report. This has been owing to unexpected delay on the part of the contractors, and also largely to the distance from which the Potsdam sandstone and other material necessary for the work had to be brought. The work thus far has been well done, and is in all respects satisfactory. We now anticipate the final completion of the buildings in the spring, or early summer.

Considerable grading has been done, especially in the neighborhood of the new buildings, to prepare the ground for the laying out of new lots. The usual care has been given to avenues and paths, and not less than five hundred tons of crushed stone have been spread upon them during the past season. This crushed stone has been brought to us by our side-track connection with the Fitchburg Rail-

road. This track has opened to us a wider market for the purchase of hay, bricks and other material, which has proved to be very advantageous in the reduction of prices, and the obtaining of supplies.

It promises to be of increasing value to the Cemetery in the future, and by its success justifies our purchase of the Bird lot, which made our connection with a first-class railroad practicable.

The Trustees have petitioned the Legislature now in session for authority to establish a crematory in the cemetery with the necessary buildings and appliances. They have been induced to take this step at the instance of many proprietors, who are much interested in cremation, which is undoubtedly growing more and more in public favor. Should the Legislature grant the desired authority it will then rest with the proprietors to sanction the necessary steps to secure to the lot owners their choice of either method of the disposal of the bodies of the dead,—that of simple interment, or cremation.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN,

President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn:

GENTLEMEN, — I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	37
“ old lots improved by being graded and sodded	28
“ old lots bounded with granite posts	6
“ lots enclosed with granite	0
“ lots enclosed with iron fence	0
“ lots furnished with granite or iron numbers	24
“ headstones erected	309
“ monuments erected	35
“ catch basins built	7
“ tons crushed stone spread on avenues	500
“ lineal feet of concrete paths built	116
“ tombs removed	1
“ iron fences removed	17
“ granite curbing removed	4

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last report	31,407
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897	492
“ removals from other cemeteries	38
Total number of interments for the year	530
“ “ “ in cemetery	31,937
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb	35
“ “ “ interments in public lots	18

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

To public lots	0
To private lots	48
Total removals within the cemetery	48
“ “ from the cemetery	14
Total number of removals	62

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. SCORGIE,

Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

MOUNT AUBURN, Dec. 31, 1897.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year			\$24,568.52
He has received from sundry parties,—			
For sale of lots	\$21,594.70		
“ labor and material on lots	59,402.80		
“ deposits in receiving tomb	1,147.00		
		\$82,144.50	
For deeds and transfers		157.00	
Notes receivable	\$100,666.17		
Interest on loans	3,319.61		
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for income on Permanent Fund,	8,000.00		
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society for one quarter of expenditure for grading new lands for sale	623.53	112,609.31	
			194,910.81
			<u>\$219,479.33</u>

FOR THE 66TH YEAR, 1897.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties,—	
For labor (pay roll)	\$37,623.42
“ materials	10,801.71
“ repairs of buildings and fences	1,005.71
“ receiving tomb drawbacks	27.00
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	\$49,457.84
For expenses,—	
For salaries	\$7,300.00
“ office expenses	2,232.93
“ taxes on real estate	1,187.75
“ insurance	244.90
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	10,965.58
For notes receivable	\$100,000.00
“ account of new chapel	21,290.02
“ amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales	5,325.67
“ grave repurchased	25.00
“ betterment assessed on real estate	268.50
“ amount paid Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for permanent fund	7,174.90
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	134,084.09
Balance in hands of Treasurer	24,971.82
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	\$219,479.33
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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in the hands of Treasurer, as per last report . . .	\$31,103.08
He has received, —	
From notes receivable	\$320,200.00
“ endowments	26,071.75
“ income of investments	43,341.58
	<u>389,613.33</u>
	<u>\$420,716.41</u>
He has paid for said account, —	
Interest	\$833.33
For care and improvement of lots	28,031.23
“ notes receivable, secured by mortgage	340,000.00
“ endowment refunded	75.00
	<u>\$368,939.56</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer	<u>51,776.85</u>
	<u>\$420,716.41</u>

REPAIR FUND.

PROPERTY.

Endowments for perpetual repair of lots as per last report, \$897,413.08	
Additions during the year	40,473.77
	<u>\$937,886.85</u>
Invested as follows: —	
Notes receivable secured by mortgage	\$868,300.00
\$10,000 Boston City Bonds	9,710.00
30 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,970.00
20 shares Atlantic National Bank, cost	2,700.00
20 shares Shawmut National Bank, cost	2,480.00
	<u>\$886,110.00</u>
Cash in hands of Treasurer	<u>51,776.85</u>
	<u>\$937,886.85</u>

GENERAL FUND.

CASH ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$24,971.82
Notes receivable	108,000.00
Bills for labor and material uncollected	\$7,917.26
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	720.12
	<u>7,197.14</u>
	<u>\$140,168.96</u>

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

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PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, as		
per last report	\$364,461.23	
Deposited in December, 1897	\$7,174.90	
Interest	6,536.35	
		13,711.25
		<u>\$378,172.48</u>

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, chapel and statuary, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house, and 5,620 feet of land on Mount Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, greenhouses, and 59,936 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, the Coolidge Lot on Grove Street, containing about six acres, the Bird Lot on Sawin and Cottage Streets, containing about 44,000 square feet, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Jan. 1, 1898.

This certifies that the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven have been examined and found correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The certificates of stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the general account there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$24,971.82, and in the fund for repairs, \$51,776.85.

T. QUINCY BROWNE, }
HENRY S. SHAW, } *Committee on Finance.*

JANUARY 26, 1898.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Art. VIII. of the By-Laws as follows:—

DONATION IN TRUST. — “The Trustees may receive in trust from a Proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided.”

PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY. — “The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.”

“All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the ‘Repair Fund,’ and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city or town in Massachusetts, or in first-mortgage bonds, or debenture bonds of railroads not mortgaged, of any railroad company incorporated under the authority of this Commonwealth, which has earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment.”

“Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited, in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole Repair Fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts.”

RECONVEYANCE IN TRUST. — “A Proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts

expressed in his deed of reconveyance ; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance FOREVER*, that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone, as may be shown in the Superintendent's report.

If any monument or headstones are added subsequent to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given herewith.

JAMES C. SCORGIE,

Superintendent.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL REPAIR,
WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. _____ on the way called _____ in said Cemetery.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO CORPORATION IN TRUST."

[Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.]

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. _____, in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial place for myself and the following persons:

and no other interments to be allowed.

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS.

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES.

FOR 1898.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING, DURING NOVEM- BER ONLY.	
100 square feet.	\$1.50	\$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	
300 " "	3.00	2.00	Lots containing fractional
400 " "	4.00	2.50	parts of 100 feet will be
500 " "	5.00	3.00	charged the rate of the
600 " "	6.00	3.50	next larger size, when that
700 " "	7.00	4.00	fraction exceeds 50 feet.
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to Superintendent, Cambridge.

For funeral services, a shelter tent to cover the lot will be provided at a moderate charge, when requested.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge.

Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single-chamber tombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded and the necessary reinterments made, without charge except for boxes, brick graves, resodding, or corner posts, when required.

Orders for foundations for Monuments and Headstones should specify, either by diagram or accurate description, the exact location in the lot which is desired, and should be given *at least two weeks before wanted.*

TO PROPRIETORS.

INFORMATION.

THE following statement is presented in answer to the question frequently asked in regard to the title to a lot when the proprietor dies.

By the original act of incorporation, lots are held as real estate. The proprietor can convey, or by will devise, his lot; but if he dies intestate it descends to his heirs-at-law, who are (Pub. St., ch. 125, § 1):—

1. Children, and issue of any deceased child.
2. If no issue, then his or her father and mother.
3. If no issue nor mother, then his or her father.
4. If no issue nor father, then his or her mother.
5. If no issue, and no father nor mother, then his or her brothers and sisters, and children of any deceased brother or sister.
6. If no issue, and no father, mother, brother, nor sister, then next of kin.

Title to lot
held as real
estate.

If proprietor
dies intestate.

Heirs-at-law.

A widow has, in common with the children of her deceased husband, the possession, care and control of his lot during her life; and if he leaves no children, she has the sole possession, care and control of the lot during her life. She has also a right of interment therein, of which she cannot be deprived except by her own release. Acts of 1885, ch. 302.

Rights of
widow in lot.

Provisions
of will.

If a proprietor in his will makes no devise of the lot, it becomes a part of the residuary estate; or if not devised, and no bequest of the residue is made, it descends to the heirs-at-law.

Representa-
tive to be
designated.

Pub. St., ch. 82, § 3, and sect. 8 of the Charter of the corporation, provide, "if there be more than one devisee or heir-at-law, the Board of Trustees may designate which one shall represent the lot."

Representa-
tive no con-
trol over title.

This designation *does not affect the title*. They (the heirs or devisees) are tenants-in-common; no sale can be made unless all sign conveyance.

Petition for
representa-
tive. Import-
ance of
prompt re-
turn.

It is IMPORTANT that the petition for representation (furnished by the Secretary) should be PROMPTLY returned with the names and residences of the heirs, and signed by a *majority*: otherwise delays may occur at the cemetery in ascertaining whether the order for interment is properly signed.

Lots indivisi-
ble.
No record of
part owner-
ship.

Lots are *indivisible*, and "no record of any person's interest in a lot, less than the entire ownership, shall be made on the books of the corporation." (Rules and Regulations, Art. vii.)

L. G. FARMER,

Secretary.

Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation, 5 Tremont Street.

BOSTON, Jan. 26, 1898.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the Horticultural Hall, Tremont Street, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 7, 1898, at 3 1-2 o'clock P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

L. G. FARMER, Secretary.